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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	09/786,057
	Filing Date	June 26, 2001
	Examiner Name	C. Ostrup
	First Named Inventor	Roberto A.M. Zucchetti, et al.
	Group Art Unit	1614
	Attorney Docket Number	032286WN006

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ **Enclosed**

i. ☒ **Amendment/Reply**

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-4300

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 2,200 enclosed. (\$1,450 for Extension of Time and \$750 for RCE.)

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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In re the application of:)
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Appln. No.: 09/786,057) Group Art Unit: 1614
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Filed: June 26, 2001) Examiner: C. Ostrup

For : PROCESS AND COMPOSITION FOR ENHANCING THE ACTION OF
VITAMIN A ON THE CELLULAR ACTIVITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL, AND
USE OF VITAMIN C

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A reply in furtherance of the Notice of Appeal filed January 2, 2003 was due by March 2, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time (four months, large entity) is enclosed, extending the date to July 2, 2003. Therefore, please accept this Amendment and accompanying Request for Continuing Examination as timely filed.

In response to Papers No. 10 and 13, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: